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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/030,106
Filing Date*	May 23, 2002
First Named Inventor	Martin MERCK
Group Art Unit	2183
Examiner Name	Ryan Fiegler
Attorney Docket No.	MERC3001/JJC/JS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** \* Filing date must be on or after June 8, 1995; but if before May 29, 2000, then consider a CPA.

1. Please consider the following as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:
- ☒ a. The Amendment/Reply filed concurrently herewith.
  - ☐ b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):
  - ☐ c. The arguments in the Brief/Reply Brief filed on (date):
  - ☐ d. The \_\_\_ page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):
  - ☐ e. Other:
  - ☐ 2. A \_\_\_ month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.
  - ☒ 3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
  - ☒ 4. A check in the amount of \$790 is submitted herewith.
  - ☐ 5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ 6. Other:

THE RCE FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:						Basic Fee:	\$790.00
Total Claims:	17	-	20	(highest number previously paid for) =	0.00	X \$50 =	
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	(highest number previously paid for) =	0.00	X \$200 =	
Correspondence Address:  23364 Customer Number						Multiple Dependent Claim (add \$360.00):	
						Subtotal:	\$790.00
						50% Reduction if Small Entity Status:	
Phone: 703-683-0500 Fax: 703-683-1080						Total:	\$790.00
Date:	Name:			Signature:		Reg. No.	
September 18, 2006	JOHN R. SCHAEFER			<i>John R. Schaefer</i>		47,921	

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